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## Kansas Sunflower Commission will meet January 10

TOPEKA – The Kansas Sunflower Commission will have its first meeting at 7:30 a.m. Friday, Jan. 10, in Topeka. The group will meet on the fourth floor of the Kansas Department of Agriculture, 109 SW 9th Street.

In November, Gov. Bill Graves appointed nine sunflower growers to serve on the commission. They are Steve Baccus, Minneapolis; Jerome Bolding, Garden City; Jeff Deeds, Goodland; Duane Frasier, Sharon Springs; Gail Hermesch, Centralia; Keith McNickle, Stafford; Lance Russell, Hays; Gary Schellhorn, Junction City; and Randy Small, Neodesha.

The Kansas Sunflower Commission was formed by the 2002 Kansas Legislature and they are responsible for regulation and policy development for sunflower and sunflower-based commodities. Last year Kansas ranked third nationwide in sunflower production.